IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Van Dyke, et al.

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 5, 2009

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Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The paper is filed as a response to a Final Office Action of January 5, 2009, the due date for response for which is April 5, 2009, a Sunday. This response is thus believed to be timely filed. Also filed herewith is a terminal disclaimer. Authorization to charge the fee of \$70.00 for the filing of a terminal disclaimer to a credit card is filed herewith. No further fees are believed to be due with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-005CON.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.